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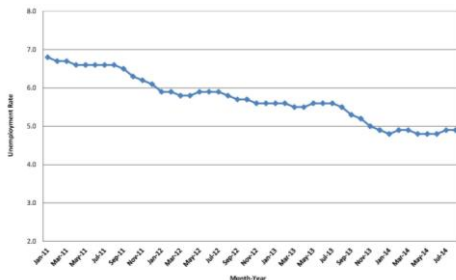
Jobs Report August 2014

TOPEKA, Kan. – The state’s August seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.9 percent, unchanged from July and down from 5.5 percent in August 2013.

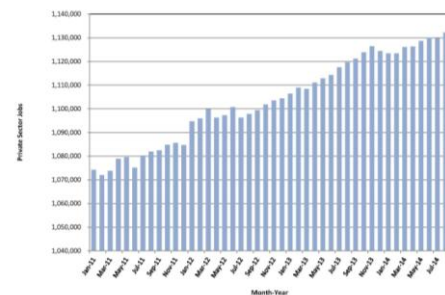
Kansas gained 12,600 seasonally adjusted private sector jobs, an increase of 1.1 percent since last year, and 10,900 nonfarm jobs, a 0.8 percent increase. Since last month, Kansas gained 2,400 seasonally adjusted private sector jobs, a 0.2 percent increase. The state gained 900 seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs, a 0.1 percent increase since last month.

“Across the board, Kansans are better off than they were a year ago,” said Lana Gordon, Secretary of Labor. “The number of jobs and people working are up, and people are earning more at their jobs. Further, unemployment claims are below 2008 levels – a great sign that the economy is strong.”

**Unemployment Rate (Seasonally Adjusted)
Kansas
January 2011 to August 2014**



**Private Sector Jobs (Seasonally Adjusted)
Kansas
January 2011 to August 2014**



Not seasonally adjusted figures show Kansas gained 16,100 private sector jobs since last year, or 1.4 percent, and 15,600 nonfarm jobs, an increase of 1.1 percent. Since July, private sector jobs decreased by 1,700, a 0.1 percent decline. The state lost 500 nonfarm jobs over the month, showing no significant percentage change.

“The Kansas economy again recorded positive signs of growth, both over the month and over the year. In the private sector, key indicators of growth including average weekly hours and earnings continue to show improvement, indicating a better standard of living for Kansans,” said Efua Afful, Labor Economist.

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.8 percent, down from 5.4 percent in July and down from 5.7 percent last year.

There were 9,953 initial claims for unemployment benefits in August 2014, down from 12,193 in July and down from 14,423 last year. There were 62,606 continued claims in August, down from 73,127 the previous month and down from 103,521 in August 2013. These numbers include all available programs.

Kansas labor market information for August is available [here](#).

Information on procedures for producing Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) estimates is available on the BLS website [here](#) and procedures for producing Current Employment Statistics (CES) estimates is available on the BLS website [here](#).

PLEASE NOTE: The September Labor Report will be released on Friday, Oct. 17.

An audio clip of the Labor Market Report quote by Efua Afful, Labor Economist, is available online courtesy of the Kansas Department of Labor.

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